

PROCEDURE FOR PROCESSING A&E CONSULTANT REQUISITIONS

Upon receipt of a hard copy requisition:

1. Review requisition and ensure that a contract number has been provided in the text field. If not, return requisition to Admin Aide I and ask him/her to have the project manager enter a contract number into the requisition. If the project was processed/awarded prior to P&C's creation, you may have to ask for a Council Resolution or City Clerk number and provide the contract number to the project manager once you have identified the project.
2. If the requisition is for an as-needed contract, be sure the task number has been typed in the text field or that it appears on the documents in the "attachment list". If no task number was provided, return requisition to Admin Aide I and ask him/her to have the project manager enter a task number into the requisition.
3. If the requisition is for an A&E contract, go to the project file cabinets and locate the corresponding contract. Verify whether a valid contract exists for the requisition. If you do not find a contract for the requisition, notify the requestor via e-mail using the standard template. If you discover that the contract has not yet been awarded, do not approve the requisition.*
4. If a contract for the requisition is found, verify that the contract has not expired by checking Section 2.1 (Term of Agreement) and/or Exhibit C (Time Schedule). If the contract has expired, notify the project manager that an amendment or other documentation is needed to prove that the contract is still valid. Contract duration is especially critical on as-needed contracts. In any case, if the contract is expired, do not sign the requisition until you receive acceptable proof that the work related to the requisition was authorized prior to the contract's expiration.
 - a. If the contract has been awarded, be sure that a vendor name has been entered in the requisition. If a vendor name was not entered, return requisition to Admin Aide I and ask him/her to have the project manager enter a vendor name into the requisition.
 - b. For lump sum contracts, check to see if the requisition exceeds the total value of the contract and/or the total value of previously approved requisitions. If there is a large discrepancy, request an explanation from the project manager. In some cases, departments will enter requisitions for additional work without first routing an official contract amendment for the work. When in doubt, request explanations from the project manager in writing.

5. If a valid contract is located, sign off on the requisition (“OK to release.”+ date and time), make a copy for the project file (and one copy for yourself, if necessary), and return the original requisition to Administrative Aide I who assigned it to you. **Enter requisition information into CIMS.**

6. If no contract is found or if you are not sure whether you have a contract for the requisition, **do not** sign off on the requisition. For final verification, review the P&C Department’s Contracts Tracker (on Department shared “S” drive) and with the Senior and Principal Contract Specialists to see if the project is close to being awarded (supervisor will advise on whether you should hold/cancel the requisition for projects pending award). If after exhausting all these options you still do not find a contract, notify the individual or individuals listed on the requisition that you need **a fully executed copy of the contract**, Auditors Certificate (AC), 1544/1472, and insurance before you can approve the requisition. You may give the client approximately three working days to assemble and send the documents to your attention. After three working days, you may cancel the requisition with your supervisor’s approval. In most cases, a clarification e-mail from the client department is all that is needed to verify that a requisition matches a contract in our files.

*Requisitions for A&E contracts valued under \$25K can be approved prior to the award of the contract but P&C should be in possession of contracts and insurance before the requisition is approved.

SAP Transaction Codes: ME22N, ME55, ME5A

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